MECHANISM BY WHICH PLATFORM INDEPENDENT SOFTWARE MAY BIND
TO AND ACCESS PLATFORM DEPENDENT SOFTWARE

5   Methods and apparatus for a platform independent object to bind to and access platform

dependent software are disclosed. According to one aspect of the present invention, a software

object that includes a wrapper and an associated platform dependent software. The platform

independent object calls the wrapper. The wrapper, in turn, directly calls the associated

platform dependent method. In this way, a platform independent object accesses the platform

10   dependent method by directly calling the wrapper associated with the method.